CITY OF SAN DIEGO M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 20, 2004

TO: Chairman Potter and Members of the CPC

FROM: Tina Christiansen, Director, Development Services Department

SUBJECT: Council Budget Review Committee Item - Community Planners

Committee meeting of May 25, 2004

The City Council directed the City Manager to obtain an independent management consultant audit of the services of the Development Services Department. The report from the Consulting firm of Maximus Inc. is posted on the Development Services Department website:

http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/

Click on "News and Updates" on the left hand side of the page (on the bullet titled "Maximus Report") to read the 17 recommendations for improvements in the Department services.

The City Council Budget Review Committee, chaired by Councilmember Scott Peters, is sending a letter to the CPC and other interested parties from the public to seek comments on these recommendations. Correspondence can be sent to committee consultant Chris Cameron at CMCameron@sandiego.gov before the meeting to be held the first week in June.

I will attend the CPC meeting on May 25 to provide a brief version of what the Development Services Department is doing to improve its services, as well as a synopsis of the Maximus report recommendations for your informational purposes. This is an abbreviated version of the report she gave to the Council Budget Review Committee itself.